

# November 2011 Assessment Referendum Ballot

Please mark your choice of assessment for land rent due on March 24, 2012.  
(Darken the box next to your preference. You may also use an "X" or a check mark.)

**NOTES:** both assessments use the first 7,116 square feet of a leasehold, and apply various rates to that amount of land. The figure "7,116" is the minimum area required to support a residence. The A rates are different in these two assessments. Both assessments use the same *percentages* of Rate A to calculate Rates B, C, D and the Specific Location Factors. For instance, Rate B is 80% of Rate A in both assessments. However, since the A rates differ, the actual *amounts* of Rate B differ. (\$165.60 per 1,000 sq ft in the Committee Assessment; \$188.80 per 1,000 sq ft in the Alternate Assessment.)

Each assessment is the result of public debate and thoughtful consideration.  
You can find more explanation about both assessments on the town website:  
<http://arden.delaware.gov/>

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## Assessment determined by Arden Assessors Committee

This Assessment creates a new "M" rate to cover the cost of trash collection. Rate M ("M" for Municipal), is applied to the first 7,116 square feet of the leasehold. This is in addition to Rate A.

### GENERAL RATES

**Rate A** \$207 per 1,000 square feet. The Rate A is a smaller percentage of the total than last year's Rate A because the trash fee of \$75,000 has been taken out to be paid by the Rate M.

**Rate B** \$165.60 per 1000 square feet equals 80% of Rate A applied to 7,116 square feet for each dwelling unit beyond the first. It is not charged for more than the actual area of the leasehold.

**Rate C** \$82.80 per 1,000 sq ft equals 40% of Rate A applied to the area in excess of that covered by Rates A and B.

**Base Land Rent** is the sum of charges (in dollars) from applying Rates A, B and C to the area of a leasehold. *Does not include Rate M.*

**Rate D** A factor of 75% of the Base Land Rent added to the total for the one commercial property.

**Rate M** \$53 per 1,000 square feet applied to the first 7,116 square feet of the leasehold.

### SPECIFIC LOCATION FACTORS:

*Applied to the Base Land Rent (which does not include Rate M)*

1. Leaseholds adjacent to Arden or Sherwood Forests .....+10%
2. Leaseholds fronting on Arden or Sherwood Forests  
by being across the street .....+5%
3. Leaseholds adjacent to or fronting on  
a communal green .....+5%
4. Leaseholds adjacent to Harvey Road  
and/or Marsh Road .....-5%
5. Leaseholds having driveway access only to  
Harvey Road and/or Marsh Road.....-5%

**TOTAL LAND RENT** (except for the one commercial property)  
is the sum of Base Land Rent + Location Factors charges + Rate M.

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## Alternate assessment proposed by Town Assembly, Sept. 26, 2011

The Alternative Assessment Proposal is identical to the assessment approved in last year's referendum, including the treatment of trash collection.

### GENERAL RATES

**Rate A** \$236 per 1000 square feet applied to the first 7,116 square feet.

**Rate B** \$188.80 per 1000 square feet equals 80% of Rate A applied to 7,116 square feet for each dwelling unit beyond the first. It is not charged for more than the actual area of the leasehold.

**Rate C** \$94.40 per 1000 sq ft equals 40% of Rate A applied to the area in excess of that covered by Rates A and B.

**Base Land Rent** is the sum of the charges (in dollars) from applying Rates A, B and C to the area of a leasehold.

**Rate D** A factor of 75% of the Base Land Rent added to the total for the one commercial property.

### SPECIFIC LOCATION FACTORS:

*Applied to the Base Land Rent*

1. Leaseholds adjacent to Arden or Sherwood Forests .....+10%
2. Leaseholds fronting on Arden or Sherwood Forests  
by being across the street .....+5%
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and/or Marsh Road .....-5%
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Harvey Road and/or Marsh Road .....-5%

**TOTAL LAND RENT** (except for the one commercial property)  
is the sum of Base Land Rent + Location Factor charges

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY WED, NOV 2.**  
**An Assessment must be approved by over 50% of ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS**